# City of La Cañada Flintridge Minutes



Monday, March 19, 2007 City Council Chambers 1327 Foothill Boulevard La Cañada Flintridge, CA 91011

## **CALL TO ORDER**

Mayor Brown called the **REGULAR MEETING** of the City Council of the City of La Cañada Flintridge to order at 7:00 p.m.

### **ROLL CALL**

Councilmembers present: Stephen A. Del Guercio, Laura Olhasso, Donald R. Voss, Mayor Pro Tem David A. Spence, and Mayor Gregory C. Brown

Staff members present: City Manager Alexander, City Attorney Steres, Interim Director of Public Works Davis, Director of Community Development Stanley, City Treasurer Voss, City Engineer Kwan, Senior Planner Buss, Senior Management Analyst Goytia Strauss, Public Safety Coordinator Stegner, Management Analyst Wilson, and Administrative Assistant Hall.

#### PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Joyce Brown.

## **COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC**

Mayor Brown opened the public comment period. There were no comments from the public.

City Attorney Steres announced that staff received two emails from Jim Short. He stated that both emails have been distributed to the City Council and will be included as part of the record under public comment.

#### **PRESENTATIONS**

The Public Safety Update for the Fire Department was presented by Chief Gil.

The Treasurer's Report was presented by Jeffrey Wang.

Staff Updates on City Projects were presented by Interim Public Works Director Davis.

## **CONSENT CALENDAR**

Motion by Councilmember Olhasso, seconded by Councilmember Del Guercio, to approve the following Consent Calendar items:

- 1. Approval of Minutes of the City Council:
  - (a) February 20, 2007 Special Meeting
  - (b) March 5, 2007 Special and Regular Meeting
  - (c) March 8, 2007 Special Meeting
- 2. Approval of "REVISED" Warrant Resolution No. 07-05 dated March 19, 2007, for \$1,352,003.66.

- 3. Receive and file Commission Meeting Agendas:
  - (a) Youth Council Agenda from the February 21, 2007 Meeting
  - (b) Planning Commission Action Agenda from the March 13, 2007 Meeting.
  - (c) Parks and Recreation Commission Agenda from the March 14, 2007 Meeting.
  - (d) Design Commission Action Agenda from the March 15, 2007 Meetings.
- 4. Receive and file Monthly Report of Investments for the period ending February 28, 2007.
- 5. Receive and file the 2006-07 Annual Report for Lanterman House Museum as required by Conditional Use Permit (CUP 75)

#### **BUSINESS ITEMS**

6. A Public Hearing to consider amendments to conditions of approval for Conditional Use Permit 403, Tentative Parcel Map 066491, Zone Change 06-01, Tree Removal Permit 06-16 (Applicant: La Canada Properties; Location: Foothill Boulevard at Angeles Crest Highway, Northeast Corner)

Director Stanley presented a brief staff report and introduced Darren Mattix, La Cañada Flintridge Properties who made a brief presentation and provided a brief overview of his requested amendments.

Mayor Brown **OPENED** the public hearing. There was no one wishing to speak, therefore, Mayor Brown declared the public hearing **CLOSED**.

A motion was made by Mayor Brown, seconded by Councilmember Olhasso, to read by title only and adopt Resolution entitled, "A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LA CAÑADA FLINTRIDGE APPROVING AMENDMENTS TO CONDITIONS OF APPROVAL FOR CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT 403, TENTATIVE PARCEL MAP 066491, ZONE CHANGE 06-01 AND TREE REMOVAL PERMIT 06-16 AT THE NORTHEAST FOOTHILL BOULEVARD AND ANGELES CREST HIGHWAY AS CORNER OF REQUESTED BY LA CAÑADA PROPERTIES," amending conditions #70 & #90 as follows: 1) Approve the City's engineers revised language for condition #70, with an additional change to the third sentence of condition, changing 50-year (24-hour) storm flows to 25-year (24-hour) storm flows; and 2) Leave condition #90 to staff and the City Attorney to craft language that the developer will be allowed to install whatever sort of filtration system is appropriate and required by the County, including the option to allow, if it will go within the existing catch basin and that the cost of maintaining that system can be portioned to the flows coming from the project, alternatively, if the developer is unable to achieve the required County standards in the gutter the developer will be required to conduct that filtration on-site, subject to final approval by the City and City Engineers. The motion carried unanimously.

7. Appointment of General Plan Advisory Committee (GPAC)

The staff report was presented by Director Stanley.

Mayor Brown **OPENED** the public comment session. There was no one wishing to speak, therefore, Mayor Brown **CLOSED** the Public Comment session.

Mayor Brown provided a brief overview of the GPAC. He announced that he has appointed Councilmember Olhasso and Councilmember Del Guercio to represent the City Council on the GPAC. He announced that at their March 5, 2007 meeting, the City Council ratified the Commission/School District/Chamber appointments which were as follows:

Planning Commission: James Hill and Charles Gelhaar

Design Commission: Ted Vavoulis; Alternate: John Edwards

Public Safety Commission: Andrea Terry; Alternate: Sunder Ramani

Public Works and Traffic Commission: Al Koblin; Alternate: James Lai

Parks and Recreation Commission: Mary Barrie; Alternate: none yet

<u>La Cañada Unified School District</u>: Mike Leininger (Assistant Superintendent of Facilities

and Operations)

Chamber of Commerce: Pat Anderson; Alternate: (Chairman) Joe Thompson

Mayor Brown explained that there are five At-Large memberships available on the GPAC. He stated that interviews with interested candidates were conducted during a Special meeting of the City Council held at 6:00 p.m. this evening and each councilmember will nominate one candidate that will be appointed to the GPAC.

Councilmember Olhasso nominated Gordon Hoopes, Councilmember Del Guercio nominated Ronnie Siegel, Mayor Pro Tem Spence nominated Sheri Morton, Councilmember Voss nominated Teri Witteman and Mayor Brown nominated Randy Stapazon. A motion was made by Councilmember Olhasso, seconded by Councilmember Del Guercio, to ratify the At-Large and City Council representatives' appointments to sit on the GPAC.

## 8. 2006 Annual Report

The 2006 Annual Report was presented by City Manager Alexander, Community Development Director Stanley and Interim Public Works Director Davis.

There was a consensus of the City Council to receive and file report. There were no objections.

## 9. Selection of the Mayor and Mayor Pro Tem

Mayor Brown expressed his thanks for the opportunity to serve as Mayor. He thanked his colleagues on the City Council for their dedication, hard work and support. He stated that serving on the City Council takes a great amount of team work and support to bring about everything that has been accomplished this year. Mayor Brown highlighted some of the City's 2006-2007 accomplishments and significant events. In closing, he offered a special thanks to his wife and daughter for their love, support and understanding.

A motion was made by Mayor Brown, seconded by Councilmember Del Guercio, to select David A. Spence as Mayor. The motion carried 5-0.

Mayor Spence thanked the City Council for selecting him as the next Mayor of La Cañada Flintridge. He expressed his pride at being given the opportunity to serve another term as Mayor of the City of La Cañada Flintridge and pledged to enhance and continue this relationship of a unified and cooperative City Council. Mayor Spence provided a brief overview of his priority projects for the upcoming year. He re-iterated his commitment to the schools and the City Council's continued cooperation with the school board. In closing, he stressed maintaining open communication and government, and requested that the City Manager and Chamber President, Pat Anderson, explore options that will better utilize the City's cable government access channel to showcase the City.

A motion was made by Councilmember Olhasso, seconded by Councilmember Voss, to select Steven Del Guercio as Mayor Pro Tem. The motion carried 5-0.

# 10. Presentations to the outgoing Mayor

Individuals representing the La Cañada Flintridge Chamber of Commerce, Roger Barkley Community Center, La Cañada Flintridge Tournament of Roses Association, Southern California Edison, La Cañada Flintridge Trails Council, Crescenta Valley Town Council, Supervisor Mike Antonovich, State Senator Jack Scott, Assemblymember Anthony J. Portantino, the Crescenta Valley Sheriff's Station, Los Angeles County Fire Department Station #82, City Staff and Mattix Development Partners made brief presentations in recognition of outgoing Mayor Brown's service to the City and the community.

On behalf of the City Council, Mayor Spence congratulated outgoing Mayor Brown for a very successful year and thanked him for his dedication, leadership and hard work. Mayor Spence presented him with a plaque with a partially melted fire helmet mounted on it and a crystal clock engraved with the City logo.

#### **CONCLUDING BUSINESS**

Councilmembers' report on meetings attended at the expense of the local agency

Councilmember Brown announced that last weekend he had attended a meeting in Washington, DC where he met with Congressman Dreier and discussed the issue of soundwalls. He explained that, at that time, he learned that the \$500,000 in funding that had been secured in the House Transportation Bill for soundwalls was not heard by the Senate, was not passed and consequentially those funds were not appropriated. He stated that the City has submitted a new request for funds for soundwalls for this coming year with the Congressman's staff, but the news is not positive in terms of there being available funding.

Councilmembers' reports regarding regional and local representation

Mayor Pro Tem Del Guercio announced that on Wednesday, March 14, 2007 he attended a meeting of the MTA Transportation Program and Planning Committee and discussed the proposed funding of the environmental clearance for the route 710 extension. He explained that after numerous concerns and questions were voiced regarding the manner in which this project was moving forward, the recommendation to the Metro board for moving forward with funding the environmental clearance documents was approved. He stated that this will go before the full Metro board for a decision.

Councilmembers' request for future agenda items - None

Councilmembers' comments - None

City Manager and/or staff comments - None

# **ADJOURNMENT**

Mayor Brown adjourned the meeting at 9:26 p.m.

Kathleen R. Sessman

City Clerk

Minutes Approved by the City Council on April 16, 2007.